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WHAT A WASTE!

More than a million dollars was won and lost on the presidential election alone, while an amount difficult to estimate changed hands as the result of minor wagers and freak speculations.

A MILLION DOLLARS!

Such a sum could reclaim, by irrigation and drainage, thousands of acres of potential farming land. The national highways would receive a tremendous impetus, should that sum be expended along such lines. A million dollars could well be spent in coast defense; the Panama Canal could be adequately fortified and protected. Many miles of inland waterways might be deepened and made navigable. Homes for the unfortunate, pensions, national parks—a hundred possibilities present themselves to mind.

But what have we? A great loss and no gain.

TEETH VS. TEACHERS

Rural school efficiency is frequently less a matter of teachers than teeth, except as the teachers are responsible for the teeth. Uncle Sam, investigating the education of the farmers' children find these facts:

That 49.3 per cent of rural school children have defective teeth.

That 21.1 per cent have two or more missing teeth.

That only 16.9 per cent have ever had dental attention.

That 27.4 per cent use a tooth brush daily.

That 14.4 per cent have never used a tooth brush.

Defective teeth mean low physical efficiency, not in mere temporary discomforts but in constant drains on health. Heart disease, rheumatism, digestive disorders and various chronic affections are the result of poor oral hygiene.

Here lies one fruitful cause of difference in the accomplishments of the city child and the country child. Modern scientific methods in city schools include dental inspection and care, as well as other special medical attendance. Moreover, the urban dweller has the advantage of convenient dental offices.

In the rural home the need of oral hygiene is not understood and, consequently not taught. Hence, the easily remedied conditions which put such a tax upon the individual and upon his school attendance and school efficiency, thereby robbing the nation of its best citizenship, are constantly neglected.

Teachers do much toward aiding this phalanx in the crusade for public health. They can do more. But it is, in the end, the parents, through their own personal habits and intelligence and care, who must be the means of remedying this important cause of low rural school standards.

Investigators of rural school deficiency should first examine not teachers but teeth.

A SQUARE DEAL FOR PRISONERS

Missouri is behind many other states in the condition of her penitentiary and care of prisoners. Reform is the principle upon which such state institutions are to be based today. For an example of a state working to reform its prisoners Missouri might well look to Maryland, which has been successful in recent efforts.

"If we are going to make normal men of our prisoners we must provide necessary relaxation and recreation." This statement of the Maryland warden contains the idea which Missouri should be looking for. The prisoner needs entertainment more than the free man does, if he is to retain his human characteristics. Close confinement within prison walls is detrimental both to health and spirits. Normal life is not a continual drudge. To reform a prisoner is to bring him back to normal conditions of living.

This means that the natural laws of health must be closely followed.

The prisoner must have work, but not the kind which makes him unable to appreciate recreation when it comes. The policy of a square deal enters in here. If the prisoner is working for compensation, he will take more interest. Contract labor has been abolished in many prisons because of the supposedly ill effects. It has been done away with in most cases at Jefferson City. The Maryland penitentiary has shown that contract labor may be beneficial, if conducted rightly. The prisoners there are self-supporting, each man has work and all get an opportunity to earn something for their families. With this system so worked out there is no need of a prisoner being turned out in his old age with but a few cents to live on.

Missouri needs to emphasize the principle of reform, as Maryland has done. It is the only solution of the problem now so much before the public. A square dealing in all matters shows the prisoner that reform and not abuse is the motive of acts. Without this atmosphere all else will fail. It is time for Missouri to get to the bottom of conditions in her penitentiary and find which is responsible for the unsatisfactory work being carried on there.

THE OPEN COLUMN

A public forum for the discussion of things worth while. Articles should be short and signed by the writer, as proof to the editor of good faith. Signatures will not necessarily be published.

The Spirit of Coeds.

Editor the Missouriian: The question of University women yelling at football games has been causing much discussion through this year's football season. The southern idea of convention seems to have become so emphasized here at Missouri that it is considered by many an unladylike practice for women to do other than merely sit at a game. To yell or sing shows an undignified attitude is the argument. Then some skeptical masculines say that women only make themselves ridiculous by trying to yell.

Other universities permit the women students to show some spirit. The coeds of Wisconsin, Kansas and Washington have their organized cheering clubs and leaders. Missouri is behind other progressive schools and will continue to lag if a few conventional ones insist on emphasizing the old idea of what is becoming to a lady. Educated persons are supposed to be broad minded enough to overlook a few moss-backed conventions.

University women have not shown any spirit for their school or for the team. Many have wanted to, but have been persuaded from introducing this new custom. If women are going to yell, they must have organization and training so that their yells will not cause ridicule. With the establishment of a yelling club and election of cheer leaders, women should have no difficulty in showing the other students of Missouri that they, too, have an interest in school spirit. It would take time to get this started. Perhaps it is too late this season, but it is time now that the women get together and show interest in their school as other university women are doing. S.

THE NEW BOOKS

"Peanut-Cub Reporter."

In the flood of Boy Scout books there's an occasional one with life and action cleverly presented. Such is Walter P. Eaton's "Peanut-Cub Reporter," a tale for boys of a Scout's adventures on a newspaper.

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"A Life at Its Best."

"A Life at Its Best" is the third of a series of texts known as the College Voluntary Study Courses, prepared by Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. committees. This volume is a study of St. Paul as a messenger of the Gospel. The student viewpoint is emphasized. (Association Press, 124 West Twenty-eighth street, New York City; 145 pages; 50 cents.)

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U. S. to Play Military Academy.

The University High School football team will meet the second team of the Missouri Military Academy at Mexico tomorrow afternoon in a postponed game, which was scheduled for last Monday. Coach Donald Selbie of the University Highs will take fourteen men on the trip. The local eleven averages only 125 pounds, but the backfield men are fast and Selbie has developed a strong overhead attack.

Sayings of the Week

With the Workers.

If I were to point out the one thing that has given me the greatest satisfaction of my life, I would say that it has been the securing of the friendship and confidence of our great family of employees.—Elbert H. Gary.

When you start to believe that you are giving more than your wage, you have begun to get more than you are worth.—Herbert Kaufman.

It is an insult to workers to offer them charity while withholding that which belongs to them.—Allan I. Benson.

The Drama.

Without in the least disparaging the drama it may be safe to say that, like many other useful things, it is not, as a rule, art.—Percy Hammond.

Americans are not nearly so ill-mannered as people as they make themselves out to be in their plays. The comedy of manners needs better manners.—Arthur Hopkins.

We have agreed upon a decent covering for the body. There is no reason why moving picture men should depart from the cardinal principles of decency in entertaining their patrons.—W. D. Ross.

Public Opinion.

We are coming to the point where we must realize that the church, like all other large organizations interested in molding public sentiment, can do it best through organized publicity.—The Rev. James Wise of St. Louis.

You can not have public opinion without stubborn and scrupulous private opinion.—Norman Angell.

For the Next Generation.

It has been charged that the present age has been cheated because a former age shirked in not providing us with trained men. Greater, then, will be our blame if we, facing squarely the duty of vocational training, fail to furnish the coming generation with men to do the work for which they draw the wage.—Frank A. Vanderlip.

The only solution of the future is Socialism. Otherwise it is a future of wars only, on eternal war, like that of the chaos that was before written history.—Anatole France.

Two generations of birth control will wipe out all the slums, eliminate the birth of mental defectives, minimize the number in our insane asylums and automatically put a stop to child labor and prostitution.—Mrs. Margaret Sanger.

Great Britain and War.

Difficult as war and economy are to mate, I no longer see the waste at home and abroad which, in the early months of the war, arose from lack of control of our national habit of spending money with both hands.—Lord Northcliffe.

If war ever comes between England and America it will be because of a muddle-headed misunderstanding. The English people do not understand the American system of government and believe that the men at the head of it are the government without the people back of it.—The Rev. Dr. J. Fort Newton.

Christian College Notes

New microscopes have been received for the botany department.

Mrs. Alice Nye returned to her home in Albion, Ia., Sunday, after visiting her daughter, Miss Alice, over the week-end.

Prof. A. L. Wills visited the Rev. Basil G. Rudd at Keyesville, Saturday and Sunday and occupied the pulpit of the Christian Church at that place Sunday morning.

Miss Hazel Becker returned Tuesday from a week-end visit in Kansas City.

Misses Anna and Serena Atchison of Gower, alumnae of the college, were dinner guests of Miss Eugene Field and Miss Lucretia Brinton Sunday. Miss Serena Atchison is now a student in the University.

Miss Virginia Kelley accompanied her father, E. D. Kelley of Kansas City, on a motor trip to Fulton Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. St. Clair, Mrs. B. R. Tate of Des Moines, and Miss Frances St. Clair were dinner guests of Dr. and Mrs. Woodson Moss Wednesday evening.

About forty students, with chaperons, attended the Missouri-Texas game Saturday. The Texas Club at



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A great closing political rally was held Monday night in the college auditorium. The Democratic and Republican clubs formed in marching lines carrying banners which displayed the slogans of their respective parties. A heated debate between the leaders of the opposing parties followed the march, the speakers being often interrupted by demonstrations from the opposing side. Campaign songs were sung, and the candidates were cheered with as much vigor and enthusiasm as if the participants were qualified voters.

Woodrow Wilson and Gardner were elected at Christian College by overwhelming majorities. Voting was five to one in favor of Wilson and Gardner, as opposed to Hughes and Lamm.

TALKS FOR SHORT COURSE MEN

First Lecture Given Last Sunday By Dean Mumford.

Dean F. B. Mumford of the College of Agriculture lectured to about 100 short course students Sunday morning in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium on the subject of "Community Welfare." This was the first of a series of talks on rural problems that will be offered to the short course men. Saturday night a social will be held at the Y. M. C. A. Building. At 8:30 o'clock Sunday morning, Prof. A. W. Taylor of the Bible College will speak on "The Rural Church." On other Sunday mornings during the short course addresses by Prof. J. C. Whitten, Prof. O. R. Johnson and Prof. M. F. Miller will be held.



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